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**STAFF STUDY ON THE INFLUENCE OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL
AREA IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL COLD WAR STRATEGY**

I - PROBLEM

To determine the influence of _____ on the formulation of a national cold war strategy.

II - BASIC ASSUMPTIONS

A - General. (It will not be necessary to repeat General Assumptions in your Staff Study.)

1. During the next five years, Communism will strive relentlessly to expand the cold war in order to achieve world domination without recourse to general war.

2. The U. S. will continue to re-arm and support required arrangements in order to achieve the strategic goals necessary to national security and will strive to minimize the threat of Communist expansion by all means short of general war.

B - Specific.

(List hereunder the specific assumptions pertinent to the area and the problem.)

III - ANALYSIS

A - Political--Ideological.

1. (Discuss the outstanding political characteristics of the area, outlining the significant ideological trends, political situations which lend themselves to overt or covert exploitation; similarities and/or differences; political relations within the area, with contiguous area, with the U. S., the U. S. S. R., the U. N.,-- colonial relationships.)

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2. (Discuss the present political goals within the area; the means used or contemplated to achieve these goals (e.g., revolution, aggressive action, treaties, regional pacts, U. N. orientation of political leaders, etc.)

3. (Discuss Communist political strength in area, extent of influence, Communist policy objectives, means; political factors favoring Communist objectives and those opposed to Communist objectives.)

4. (Discuss the political position of the U. S. in relation to the area, covert and overt aspects of U. S. policy, degree of support and/or opposition to U. S. political objectives, area factors which complement U. S. objectives, e.g., the political stability of the area, resistance to Communist pressures, traditional or formal political ties.)

B - Economic

1. (Discuss the outstanding economic characteristics of the area, its present economic position, its importance, future potential, significant economic trends, degree of dependence, major exports and imports, production and disposition of strategic materials, economic relationships within area, with contiguous area)

2. (Discuss the economic relations with Soviet nations, Soviet economic objectives in area; present or potential Communist ability to disrupt area economy, to influence labor policy, production, etc; economic factors which favor Communist objectives.)

3. (Discuss economic relations with U. S. and non-Comintern nations, U. S. economic objectives in area; strategic exports

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to U. S. or allies, U. S. ability to hinder export of strategic materials to Soviet nations, economic factors which complement U. S. objectives.)

C - Military

1. (Discuss the strategic importance of the area from a geopolitical and military point of view.)
2. (Discuss the present indigenous military strength, weaknesses, potentialities, outside support; orientation of military leaders; indigenous motivations and aspirations, rallying capacity, resistance potential in event of Communist occupation or control.)

D - Overall Security Considerations

1. (Discuss the actual or contemplated actions taken by the U. S. or allies with respect to the strategic situation in the area; actual or contemplated actions taken by the Soviet states or the Communist party.)

E - Conclusion

1. Summary. (Discuss briefly the role of the area and/or its important sub-divisions or countries--with respect to its influence on the formulation of the cold war global strategy; problems of the area with respect to global strategy; other significant and pertinent factors.)
2. Recommendations. (On the basis of this study, made recommendations with respect to U. S. cold war strategy. On the basis of present and past experience, discuss possible revisions to present strategy.)

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